

Health Information Technology *Framework for Strategic Action*

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I. President's Executive Order

April 27, 2004

- Created position of National Health IT Coordinator in HHS
 - David Brailer MD, PhD
 - Reports to HHS Secretary
 - New Office in HHS
- Responsible for
 - Coordinating all Federal and private sector efforts toward NHII
 - Strategic Plan in 90 days
- OPM incentives report in 90 days
- VA and DoD report in 90 days

II. Framework for Strategic Action

- Goal 1 – Inform Clinical Practice
 - Incentivize electronic health record (EHR) adoption
 - Reduce risk of EHR investment
 - Promote EHR diffusion in rural and underserved areas

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- Goal 2 – Interconnect Clinicians
 - Foster regional collaborations
 - Develop a national health information network
 - Coordinate federal health information systems

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- Goal 3 – Personalize Care
 - Encourage use of Personal Health Records
 - Enhance informed consumer choice
 - Promote use of telehealth systems

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- Goal 4 – Improve Population Health
 - Unify public health surveillance architectures
 - Streamline quality and health status monitoring
 - Accelerate research and dissemination of evidence

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Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Report

- Options to provide incentives in the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program to promote adoption of interoperable health information technology
- FEHB group health insurance program covers 8 million people

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Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
and Department of Defense (DoD)
Reports

- Approaches to make health information systems available and affordable to rural and medically underserved communities

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Framework Implementation – 3 Phases:

1. Development of market institutions
2. Investment in clinical management tools and capabilities
3. Market transition to robust quality and performance accountability

III. Resources for More Information

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT) web site
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